

ANNUAL REPORT
Elections Subcommittee of the SBVC Academic Senate
Final Update: 3 May 2025

OVERVIEW

The Elections Subcommittee was formally reestablished in Spring 2025. Despite a delayed start, the team successfully resumed its responsibilities as outlined in the Academic Senate Bylaws, including Article IV, Sections 2–8 (election procedures, timelines, and coordination of regular and special elections) and Article XI, Section 2. This reactivation reflects the subcommittee’s renewed commitment to upholding the integrity of Academic Senate representation and strengthening our faculty participatory governance. The subcommittee also reaffirmed its procedural adherence by maintaining meeting minutes and following Robert’s Rules of Order to ensure clear and consistent decision-making.

The Elections Committee consisted of the following members for the 2024-2025 academic year:

<i>Tatiana Vásquez (Chair)</i>	<i>Keynasia Buffong</i>	<i>Michael Torrez</i>
<i>Samuel Addington</i>	<i>Carol Damgen</i>	<i>Sam Valle</i>
<i>Thomas Berry</i>	<i>Dani Graham</i>	<i>Maria Valdez</i>

ELECTIONS CONDUCTED

The following elections were organized and completed (listed in order of event date):

- Special Election, Program Review Faculty Chair/Co-Chairs (Term, 2024-2027)
- 2025 Outstanding Full-Time Faculty
- 2025 Outstanding Part-Time Faculty
- Full-Time Division Senator Representatives

For inclusion in the 2025–2026 Academic Senate Roster (see p. 3&4)

- Number of newly elected full-term seats (2025-2028): 8
- Number of filled vacant or partial-term seats: 12
- Academic Senate Secretary (Term, 2025–2027)

CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS

1. Bylaw Analyses

- Challenge: Several areas of the bylaws were found to be silent or unclear, particularly regarding the procedures for filling midterm vacancies in Senate-authorized committee chair positions.
- Solution: The subcommittee developed and implemented transparent procedures for conducting special elections to fill such vacancies. These interim procedures were vetted by the subcommittee and approved by the Academic Senate.

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2. Procedural Questions

- Challenge: Questions arose around situations not explicitly covered by existing bylaws, including: How to address a senator vacancy due to sabbatical leave, Defining proxy senator responsibilities (short-term vs. long-term), Clarifying the selection process for temporary or alternate senator appointments.
- Solution: These scenarios were documented for consideration in future bylaw revisions. In the interim, the subcommittee established procedures informed by past Academic Senate practices and ASCCC practices.

3. Division Election Timing and Recruitment Constraints

- Challenge: Spring elections coincided with high faculty workload, end-of-semester responsibilities, and overlapping campus events. Also, recruitment proved the most challenging.
- Solution: The subcommittee formalized Division Coordinators' roles to lead recruitment and manage elections at the division level. This improved transparency and coordination but remaining planning challenges have been documented to support more concerted and streamlined processes in future cycles.

GOALS FOR 2025–2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

1. Develop formal operational guidelines to support consistent subcommittee function, including onboarding processes for chairs and members.
2. Establish internal protocols and centralized data storage to ensure transparency, continuity, and recordkeeping.
3. Propose bylaw revisions to clarify procedures related to midterm vacancies, sabbaticals, proxy representation, and alternate senator appointments, along with other procedural gaps identified.
4. Improve alignment of election timelines with faculty workload, institutional calendars, and key college events.
5. Review and refine Fall 2025 election processes to strengthen planning, communication, and implementation at both the division and campuswide levels.

CONCLUSION

The reactivation of the Elections Subcommittee in Spring 2025 required substantial catch-up work. While significant progress was made, continued efforts are necessary to improve efficiency, consistency, and long-term sustainability. Priority areas for development include the creation of formal operational guidelines and better alignment of election timelines with academic demands. Additionally, the Academic Senate's recent approval to recognize senatorial service as an official committee assignment represents a promising step toward stronger faculty engagement and supporting our faculty governance responsibilities under Title 5.

FINALIZED SPRING 2025 SENATOR ROSTER		LAST UPDATE OF THIS TAB: 3 May 2025 (key: blue font vacant seat)	
DIVISION NAME FACULTY REP		Elected Term	Faculty Name
ACADEMIC SUCCESS & LEARNING SERVICES (AS&LS)	Senator Representative 1	Fall'24-Spring'27	Maria Notarangelo
	Subtotal # of Div Senators	1	
APPLIED TECHNOLOGY, TRANSPORT & CULINARY ARTS (ATT&CA)	Senator Representative 1	Fall'23-Spring'26	Vacant - fill existing term
	Senator Representative 2	Fall'24-Spring'27	Francisco Gonzalez
	Senator Representative 3	Fall'24-Spring'27	Ben Laskowski
	Subtotal # of Div Senators	3	
ARTS AND HUMANITIES (AH)	Senator Representative 1	Fall'23-Spring'26	Kevin Lyons
	Senator Representative 2	Fall'23-Spring'26	Carol Damgen
	Senator Representative 3	Fall'23-Spring'26	Rangel Zarate
	Senator Representative 4	Fall'23-Spring'26	Amy Mills
	Senator Representative 5	Fall'24-Spring'27	Joe Notarangelo
	Senator Representative 6	Fall'25-Spring'28	Judy Joshua
	Senator Representative 7	Fall'25-Spring'28	Timothy Colbert
	Subtotal # of Div Senators	7	
MATHEMATICS, BUSINESS & COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY (MB&CT)	Senator Representative 1	Fall'23-Spring'26	Amanda Qadar
	Senator Representative 2	Fall'24-Spring'27	Jeremiah Gilbert
	Senator Representative 3	Fall'24-Spring'27	Bethany Tasaka
	Senator Representative 4	Fall'24-Spring'27	Vacant - fill existing term
	Senator Representative 5	Fall'25-Spring'28	Sam Addington
	Subtotal # of Div Senators	5	
SCIENCE (SCI)	Senator Representative 1	Fall'23-Spring'26	Teresa Weaver
	Senator Representative 2	Fall'23-Spring'26	Fernando Gomez
	Senator Representative 3	Fall'24-Spring'27	Mezghan Hassanzandah
	Senator Representative 4	Fall'24-Spring'27	Michelle Jackson
	Senator Representative 5	Fall'25-Spring'28	Amy Avelar
	Senator Representative 6	Fall'25-Spring'28	Jessy Lemieux
	Senator Representative 7	Fall'25-Spring'28	Tatiana Vasquez
	Subtotal # of Div Senators	7	
SOCIAL SCIENCES, HUMAN DEVELOPMENT & KINESIOLOGY AND HEALTH (SHD&KH)	Senator Representative 1	Fall'24-Spring'27	Danielle Graham
	Senator Representative 2	Fall'24-Spring'27	Denise Knight
	Senator Representative 3	Fall'24-Spring'27	Melissa King
	Senator Representative 4	Fall'25-Spring'28	Kellie Barnett
	Senator Representative 5	Fall'25-Spring'28	Lisa Henkle
	Subtotal # of Div Senators	5	
STUDENT SERVICES (COUNSELING) (SSC)	Senator Representative 1	Fall'23-Spring'26	Erica Begg
	Senator Representative 2	Fall'23-Spring'26	Ula Matavao
	Senator Representative 3	Fall'24-Spring'27	Pete Gonzalez
	Senator Representative 4	Fall'24-Spring'27	Debbie Orozco
	Senator Representative 5	Fall'24-Spring'27	Jamie Salyer
	Senator Representative 6	Fall'25-Spring'28	Keynasia Buffong
	Senator Representative 7	Fall'25-Spring'28	Botra Moeung

	Subtotal # of Div Senators	7	
ADJUNCT FACULTY	Senator Representative 1	Fall'25-Spring'26	Vacant - to be filled in Fall'25
	Senator Representative 2	Fall'25-Spring'26	Vacant - to be filled in Fall'25
	Senator Representative 3	Fall'25-Spring'26	Vacant - to be filled in Fall'25
	Senator Representative 4	Fall'25-Spring'26	Vacant - to be filled in Fall'25
	Senator Representative 5	Fall'25-Spring'26	Vacant - to be filled in Fall'25
	Subtotal # Senators	5	
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SENATOR AT-LARGE (ADJUNCT)	Senator Representative 1	Fall'25-Spring'26	Vacant - to be filled in Fall'25
	Subtotal # Senators	1	
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SENATOR AT-LARGE (STUDENT SERVICES)	Senator Representative 1	Fall'25-Spring'26	Vacant - to be filled in Fall'25
	Subtotal # Senators	1	
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SENATOR AT-LARGE (ACADEMIC)	Senator Representative 1	Fall'25-Spring'26	Vacant - to be filled in Fall'25
	Subtotal # Senators	1	
GRAND TOTAL Senator Representation		43	